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On instructions from my Government, I should like to state that the political propaganda campaign being waged by senior Iraqi officials against the work of the Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission is continuing to escalate and is assuming new and more dangerous proportions from one day to the next.

Following the dangerous statements made by the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Iraqi regime, in which they rejected the results of the work of the Boundary Demarcation Commission (document S/23970 of 19 May 1992), the Iraqi National Assembly held meetings on 16 and 17 May 1992 that were dedicated to attacking and arousing suspicions against the Commission and the fairness and impartiality of its members and to assailing the legitimacy of the Security Council resolutions and the powers of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. At these meetings, the Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and the Iraqi representative in the Boundary Demarcation Commission made statements brimming with lies concerning the composition of the Commission and the nationalities and impartiality of its members and contesting the legitimacy of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) under which the Commission was established. That resolution was unconditionally and unreservedly accepted by Iraq, to say nothing of the fact that it participated in all of the meetings and deliberations of the Commission.

This tendentious campaign culminated in the statement that issued from the meetings of the Iraqi National Assembly disputing the right of the Security Council even to call for respect for the inviolability of the boundaries in question, describing the work of the Boundary Commission as a conspiracy against Iraq and strongly criticizing the results of that work.

The statement issued by the Iraqi National Assembly is a clear indication if not glaring proof of the extent to which the Iraqi regime honours its international obligations and undertakings. Iraq agreed to Security Council resolution 687 (1991), also by virtue of the decision of the Iraqi National Assembly contained in document S/22480 of 11 April 1991, and it approved the

composition of the Boundary Demarcation Commission, accepted the appointment of an Iraqi representative in the Commission and participated in all of its work. Prior to all this, it agreed to the legal principles on the basis of which it worked, namely the agreements concluded by the two countries that are also mentioned in Security Council resolution 687 (1991). Consequently, the results of the Commission's work have not produced a new boundary line, as Iraqi statements and declarations are attempting to suggest. All that the Commission did was to carry out a technically precise delimitation of the boundaries based, inter alia, on official Iraqi maps submitted to it and against which the Iraqi representative offered no objection.

All the allegations and justifications advanced by Iraq are no more than a screen to conceal the character of the Iraqi regime and its hostile intentions towards Kuwait and the region, as demonstrated by all the practices and policies of this regime throughout the history of its rule and which it has not relinquished despite its pretence of having accepted the resolutions of the Security Council in an attempt to deceive the international community and persuade it to lift the economic sanctions imposed on it. The veiled and open threats being made by senior officials of the Iraqi regime and the maintenance of their claims, to this very day, to so-called historic rights to Kuwait are indubitable proof of the true nature of the hostile intentions of the Iraqi regime. In this connection, the statement made by Mr. Taha Yasin Ramadan, Vice-President of the Republic of Iraq, to the Jordanian weekly magazine Al-Watan on 17 May 1992 requires no clarification. In one place he refers to "Iraq's prior right to Kuwait, which is well-known and undeniable", and in another he mentions "the fact that Kuwait is part of Iraq, and our present generation will remember it since it even antedates the time when the nation was one".

These extremely dangerous statements clearly show that the Iraqi regime has not deviated a single step from its hostile and expansionist programme and that the spurious clamour that it is raising concerning the Boundary Demarcation Commission is no more than an attempt to keep the region in a state of tension and instability while awaiting more propitious opportunities to threaten security and peace in the region and in the world in order to realize insane dreams such as exist only in sick minds that, despite the tragedies and disasters that they have brought upon the peoples of the region, do not grasp that they are living in a new world that rejects and has no room for policies of aggression, expansion and hegemony.

Given all this, the Security Council must monitor closely Iraq's policies and intentions with regard to the security of Kuwait and the region. This is a responsibility that the entire international community must share with it if tensions and a threat to the region that it can well do without are to be avoided.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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